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1. [] Following a meeting with Colonel White which was attended by Messrs. Houston, Maury, and [] and OPPB representatives, Mr. Houston and I talked with Maury Lanman, Assistant General Counsel (Fiscal Matters), OSD, and presented to him the response suggested in Mr. Houston's memorandum of this date to the Executive Director on the subject of S. 2254. We also referred to White House instructions to the effect that there should be no discussion of the use of Thai irregulars in Laos and no restriction on the President's options in dealing with Southeast Asia generally. It was our strong recommendation that before responding to Senator Fulbright on this bill the State Department consult the White House. Mr. Lanman agreed and said he was recommending the same course of action to State and ISA.

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2. [] Met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and brought to his attention the fact that Senator Case's bill (S. 2254), which appears to be an amendment to the Special Foreign Assistance Act, in fact also contains an amendment to the Military Procurement Act of 1966, as amended. I raised with Braswell the matter of Armed Services Committee jurisdiction over military procurement authorization legislation. Braswell said he was aware of this, but he added he thought it would be a useless exercise to contest Foreign Relation Committee's jurisdiction over this aspect of the Case bill inasmuch as it was his understanding that other members of the Foreign Relations Committee propose to add many amendments to the Foreign Assistance Act before it is reported out of the Foreign Relations Committee and on the Senate floor. I gave Braswell the thrust of Mr. Houston's memorandum on the bill and agreed to provide him with a spreadsheet giving our comments on all four Case bills (S. 2251-S. 2254).

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3. [] At his request, met with Jim Gehrig, Staff Director, Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee, and reviewed with him again information which we have on the difficulties encountered on the Soyuz 11 flight and their possible relationship to the deaths of the three cosmonauts.

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4. [] Returned to Dorothy Fosdick, Senate Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, the original of a newspaper article by Klaus Mehnert which [] is translating for her.

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I also checked with Miss Fosdick about the possibility of the Subcommittee having [] before the Subcommittee in the fall. She said they were in touch with [] on another matter, but he will not be coming here to testify. SB Division had expressed interest in this and has been advised.

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5. [] In a chance meeting with Bill Miller, in the office of Senator John Sherman Cooper (R., Ky.), reference was made to Senator Cooper's bill (S. 2224) to require the Agency to keep Congress informed regarding intelligence information. I expressed reservations about the bill, which caused Miller to make the following points:

- a. They had in mind Congress getting only NIEs and SNIEs, not operational information.
- b. The documents would be retained in the custody of the Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees.
- c. The documents would be made available only to staff personnel having proper security clearances.

I told Miller I was sympathetic to the needs of Members for more accurate information, but did not feel this was the solution to the problem.

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6. [] Mrs. Mary Lynch, in the office of Senator Thomas Eagleton (D., Mo.), called on behalf of a constituent for any booklets we had on "positive reasons for getting information on U.S. citizens." I told Mrs. Lynch that we had no such booklets and pointed out that the Agency not only had no function in this connection, but was precluded by law from engaging in any internal security activities and said I would send her a copy of the Agency pamphlet which covers this subject.

Mrs. Lynch also requested a China Map Folio and several unclassified maps for use of the Senator's staff and I agreed to get these for her.

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7. [] Talked with Mr. Wallace Johnson, Department of Justice, about the status of possible briefing of the Muskie and Ribicoff Subcommittees of Senate Government Operations Committee on the involvement of foreign officials in the world drug traffic. Johnson said that Bud Krogh, of the White House, was calling the shots on this. He hopes to delay responses to the joint letters from Muskie and Ribicoff to the Attorney General and Secretaries Laird and Rogers and the Director until just before the summer recess. Krogh is trying to avoid any briefing. On this basis, Johnson assumed Krogh would have problems with our proposed reply deferring to Justice. He expects Krogh would want us to adopt a delaying tactic also. I told Johnson we would probably be in touch with Krogh directly about this.

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8. [] I received a call from Mrs. Lois G. Myers, Employee Benefits Subcommittee staff, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who told me that Chairman Hanley has indicated that if time permits he might take up the question of protection of rights of Federal employees at the conclusion of the scheduled business in tomorrow's open meeting of the Employee Benefits Subcommittee. I thanked Mrs. Myers for the advice.

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9. [] Delivered to Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, copies of George Carver's Foreign Affairs Quarterly Review articles of April 1965 and April 1966. These materials were requested to supplement the IndoChina paper delivered to Mr. Preston for Chairman Mahon on Tuesday, 27 July. Mr. Preston expressed the Chairman's appreciation for the Agency and Mr. Carver's most helpful assistance.

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10. [] Picked up a letter addressed to the Director from the office of Representative Charles Gubser (R., Calif.).

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11. [] I returned to the office of John Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, the press clipping from the Philadelphia Inquirer of last Sunday, 25 July, relating to delay in publication of the Pentagon papers and left a message for him that there was no substance to the allegations concerning CIA actions.

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12. [] After checking with [] OSR, I talked briefly to Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and told him that there is nothing surprising to the intelligence community about the number of new missile silos, but that [] it is most difficult to reach any final conclusion about the silos. Mr. Slatinshek thanked me but said he would like to discuss the matter further when he had more time and that from his impressions of Committee briefings the present number exceeds the projections made earlier in the year.

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13. [] Mr. Horgan, in the office of Senator William Proxmire (D., Wis.), called to ask about the source of an [] item which we left at the Senator's office yesterday. After checking, I informed him that it originated in [] and was intended only for a domestic audience. He said this answered his question satisfactorily.

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14. [] Accompanied George Carver, SAVA, who briefed Senator Adlai E. Stevenson, III (D., Ill.) and Messrs. William Shinn and Thomas Wagner, of his staff, preparatory to the planned trip of the Senator and Mr. Wagner to the Far East, Southeast Asia and the Soviet Union. One of the Senator's main interests in Southeast Asia concerned the question of how "free" the upcoming South Vietnamese elections were likely to be. He raised the question of visiting [] and was told that this had best be cleared locally with the Ambassador.

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15. [] Met with Representative Paul Rogers pursuant to our earlier commitment to him to try to obtain clarification from the field regarding a CS report which had come to the Congressman's attention relating to drug traffic in Southeast Asia. See Journal of 16 July 1971. I told Rogers we had indeed been back to the field but despite diligent efforts we had been unable to obtain any further information regarding the allegations contained in the report. I said in view of this, we considered these allegations highly suspect but would continue to investigate them and if we did develop information we would promptly advise him. He said he appreciated our efforts and he was indeed interested in the results of any follow up investigation.

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16. [] Met with Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and discussed certain bills recently introduced in the Senate which might present serious problems for some of the Agency programs in Southeast Asia. Slatinshek said he thought these bills had little chance of passing the House this year.

Slatinshek told me of recent subcommittee assignments in the Committee, including the establishment of an Intelligence Subcommittee chaired by Representative Lucien Nedzi (D., Mich.) and consisting of Representatives Melvin Price, O. C. Fisher, Alvin E. O'Konski and William G. Bray, with Chairman Hebert and Ranking Minority Member Arends as ex officio members.

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17. [] Met with Senator Clifford P. Case in response to his inquiry to Secretary of State Rogers of 27 May 1971 regarding press stories of Agency-sponsored intelligence incursions into south China. I reminded the Senator this subject had been covered in an off-the-record statement by the Director at a Foreign Relations Committee briefing at which the Senator was present on 23 March 1971. I explained to the Senator the coordination procedures governing operations of this kind, adding that the particular project in which he was interested had been discontinued.

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18. [] Met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Senate Armed Services Committee, who told me of a letter which he was drafting for the Chairman and which the Chairman had recently mentioned to the Director. See Memo for the Record.

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19. [] Met with Senator Henry M. Jackson, and Dorothy Fosdick and Richard Perle, of his staff, whom I briefed on recent developments regarding Soviet ICBM deployment, Soviet tactical air deployment in the Far East, Soviet submarine deployment, Soviet and ChiCom military activity along the Sino/Soviet border, ChiCom naval construction, and the Middle East situation.

Senator Jackson doubts that bills recently introduced by members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee affecting certain Agency programs in Southeast Asia will pass in their present form, at least during this session. He volunteered to be of any assistance to the Agency in this regard if called on.

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20. [] Talked to John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, regarding his observations during a recent survey trip to Southeast Asia. He spoke highly of Agency representatives he had met there.

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